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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification, the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and the Written Opinion issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/7336, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. Copies of the International Search Report (in English and Japanese), the International Preliminary Examination Report (in Japanese), and the Written Opinion (in Japanese) were enclosed with the papers when entering the National Stage on December 10, 2004. A copy of the International

Preliminary Examination Report in English is attached hereto. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

R.Y. TSIEN, Ann. Rev. Biochem., Vol. 67, 1998, pp. 509-544. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

A. MIYAWAKI et al., Midoriishi, March 2002, No. 13, pp. 1-4; and International Patent Application Publication No. WO 00/34319; and International Patent Application Publication No. WO 00/34526.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following documents: International Patent Application Publication No. WO 03/104460, together with its U.S. National Stage Patent Application No. 10/516,317 to MIYAWAKI et al., which was filed on December 10, 2004; and

International Patent Application Publication No. WO 04/18671, together with its U.S. National Stage Patent Application No. 10/525,365 to MIYAWAKI et al., which was filed on February 23, 2005.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(iii) if the U.S. patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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